

Newsletter No 39

July 2009

20th Anniversary Abbey Medieval Festival



KIDS HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

The 20th Anniversary Abbey Medieval Festival celebrations began at Morayfield Shopping Centre, with the Festival team running a week of kids' activities. Children were given the opportunity to participate in a range of free activities including shield painting, storytelling, face painting and the chance to meet Sir Justyn. Morayfield Shopping Centre is a proud sponsor of the Medieval Festival.

MEDIEVAL BANQUET

An extraordinary evening one would find hard to forget ... Feasting on tantalizing delicacies, seated in an array of medieval personalities, learning the traditions of the past. As the Lords and Ladies took to their seats, and the night moved along, the air filled with laughter, witty banter and the scent of Baked Lamb Shanks with Rosemary Jus. The mulled wine flowed freely and hungry mouths devoured venison pie, be sure to attend the Banquet next year, and keep your taste buds alive!

KIDS MEDIEVAL FUN DAY

DESPITE THE LIGHT RAIN AND COOL WINTER BREEZE, TUESDAY 7TH JULY ATTRACTED OVER 900 EXCITED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE KID'S MEDIEVAL FUN DAY!

LITTLE PRINCESSES TWIRLED IN THEIR COLOURFUL GOWNS TO THE SOUND OF MEDIEVAL MELODIES AND YOUNG KNIGHTS FOUGHT OFF THE RAIN TO PARTAKE IN THE JUNIOR JOUST.

THE DAY WAS AN OVERALL SUCCESS! CHILDREN LEFT IN HIGH SPIRITS, EXCITED TO TAKE THEIR CREATIVE ARTWORKS HOME AND PRACTICE THEIR NEW SKILLS THEY HAD LEARNED IN THE DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS!





MASQUERADE BALL

The masque ball was a marvellous success! Guests at the evening event said it was the best one they had attended and the medieval band - Aragon received much praise for their fine work guiding the participants through the dances.

Masque ball coordinator Jessie Kelley said the volunteers were wonderful and well organised, which greatly assisted in the smooth running of the event.

MEDIEVAL TOURNAMENT

As the sun set behind the castle wall and the human chess pieces fought for victory, as the extraordinary fireworks lit up the sky and masked men and women danced late into the night, it marked yet another successful opening tournament day.



Festival organisers are very excited to report the Tournament weekend attracted good crowds.

The weekend was packed with colour, authenticity, drama and music. Men enjoyed the thrill of the Joust and the Strength Competition. Boys and girls were seen riding camels and giggling at the Puppet Show. Women enjoyed watching the knights in combat, with some even sneaking a peak at the Turkish Oil Wrestling...



This year the Medieval Tournament celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a special Finale and Fireworks Display.

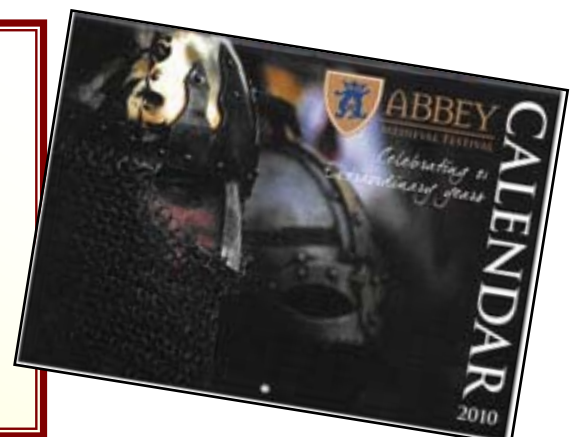
The Abbey Museum would like to thank the Moreton Bay Regional Council for their generous support and sponsorship.

2010 MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL CALENDAR

ONLY \$8.80...

LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE SO
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INFORMATION



Afternoon Tea with
Mr Darcy

*Saturday 19 September
at 2.30pm*

Come celebrate the life and times
of Jane Austen. Visit the *Abbey Museum* and enjoy
an afternoon tea with *Mr Darcy*.

Tickets: \$17.50

*This event is being held to raise funds to build
an art gallery to house the fabulous Old Masters and Icons
in the Abbey Museum collection.*



**ABBNEY
MUSEUM**

OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

1-63 The Abbey Place, Caboolture
Off Brisbane Island Rd

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Ph 5495 1652 admin@abbeymuseum.asn.au

Pilgrimage

- a Walk for Winchester

The *Friends of the Abbey Museum* invite you to take part in a walkathon to raise money for the restoration of two panels of medieval glass, originally from Winchester Cathedral, England. These panels – once found in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral – date to the 15th century and are in urgent need of conservation. The *Friends of the Abbey Museum* have undertaken this venture to raise the \$30,000 required.

Pilgrimage – a Walk for Winchester is based on the medieval tradition of journeying to a sacred place to gain heavenly merit. On this 'Pilgrimage', participants will walk from Bribie Island* to the Abbey Museum – a journey that is sure to be an enlightening experience!

All participants are encouraged to organise sponsorship to raise much needed funds to help save these unique treasures.

Bus transport will take 'Pilgrims' to Bribie Island (just beside the bridge) where the walk begins. Following morning tea at Ningi Park, a short bus ride* takes participants to Lee Road. Here the route travels through a forestry firebreak to Saints Road then on to the Abbey Museum and the ancient medieval stained glass windows in the Abbey Church. As a participant you have the opportunity to visit the Abbey Museum and Church and view the collections – including the magnificent Winchester Windows themselves.

Date: Saturday 22 August

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Meet at the Abbey Hall (next to the Abbey Museum)

Cost: Adults \$15 Children (under 12) \$10

All participants receive: water, morning tea, lunch, a certificate and a Pilgrim's Medal.

* Bus transport required as there is no safe place to walk along the road edge.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please print). *Sponsorship forms are available from the Abbey Museum.*

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

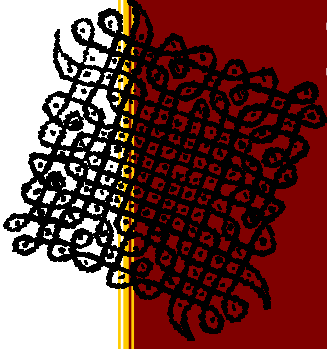
Phone: 5495 1652 or email: admin@abbeymuseum.asn.au



REGISTER NOW!!!

**WALK FOR WINCHESTER AND HELP CONSERVE
PRECIOUS MEDIEVAL STAINED GLASS...**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PRESERVE HISTORY!



KOLAM - A PAINTED PRAYER

a presentation by
BY VARSHAA SUNDARARAJAN

Kolam – a joyous, artistic expression of reverence for the earth and other living beings has been practised from ancient times in southern India with its origins believed to date back to 4000 BC.

Kolam celebrates spontaneous expression with aesthetic imagery.

Kolam has many facets – some of them being –

- * a living transient art form, * a religious expression,
- * a spiritual exercise, * a medium for social interaction,
- * a symbol of auspiciousness, * a painted prayer

Typically practised by the women folk, this art form is sustained through generations - a legacy transferred from mother to daughter.

DATE: SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2009

TIME: 7:30 PM

VENUE: ABBEY MUSEUM

**1 – 63 THE ABBEY PLACE
CABOOLTURE**

COST: \$6.00 GUESTS

\$3.00 FOTAM MEMBERS



FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER

BOOKINGS OR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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**THANK-YOU
FOR KEEPING OUR ARTEFACTS COOL
IN JUNE AND JULY!!!**

THANK-YOU...

Michael McLaughlin

Val & Len Watson

Diana Howell (for Grace)

Bridget Cuffe

Zeta & Ted Tukera

Rhondda McVinish

Elisabeth Biermann

**Leeanne Undery (for
Florence)**

Charlotte Watterson

Vanessa Ilott

**Sr Katrina (in memory of
Br Augustine)**

Shirley Baker

Rachel Connelly

James & Jan Glasscock

John May

Michelle Smith

Jean Taplin

THE MUSEUM NEEDS A NEW WEBMASTER

After years of dedicated service, Harry Slorach is retiring from his role as webmaster. The Museum is looking for someone with Front Page or Dreamweaver skills who might be prepared to work with the Museum in maintaining and upgrading the website. Most of the information and layout is provided by the Museum; it simply requires some dedicated volunteer who is prepared to be on call to maintain it.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK LINKS TO THE ABBEY MUSEUM

Anya Heilpen is a research student at the University of York, who is undertaking a degree focussing on the medieval stained glass of Winchester Cathedral. She has contacted the Abbey Museum and is now working on the glass in our collections as part of her studies.

